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SOCIAL CLUB MANAGER FINED.

. H. Brown, of Orangeburg, Admits

Violating Liquor Law. Orangeburg, Sept. 7 .- In the criminal court this morning W. H. Brown pleaded guilty to the charge of keepng and storing whiskey and was senenced to pay a fine of \$100 or be fined for three months. This is ne of the cases growing out of the alde on the Edisto Social Club, of which Brown was manager. There are still two more cases pending-one for keeping and storing and the othfor selling liuors. Besides there a fine of \$75 or 30 days' imprisonment hanging over Brown from the mayor's court, he having appealed the case. Brown made a statement to the court as to how he had managed the club, and was told by the judge that his manner of handling liquor for the members of the club was a violation of the law. Judge Gary said he was a member of a club in the city of Columbia, but that the liquors were bought by the members in their own names, and if desired they cared small quantities of it to the club ms and placed it in the lockers. This, he thought was not a violation the law, but to order in the name of the club or its manager and then and selling and clearly against the

ne other cases against Brown hably be tried tomerrow of next day. Much interest is being wh in this matter.

CORN CORP NOT GOOD.

Average Condition 74.6 Against 79.4 Last Year.

Washington Sept. 8 .- The crop reporting board of the department of agriculture estimates the condition of crops on September 1 last as follows: Corn 74.6, as compared with 79.4 on the same date last year; spring wheat 88.6, as compared with 77.6 in 1908 Comparisons for corn show:

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State.	ů,	-	ů.	-	Ser
	Condition,	Sept.	Condition,	Sept.	10-year Septem ber average.
Texas	4	55		85	74
Georgia		88		84	84
Tennessee		73		84	81
Alabama		76		84	82
North Carolina		79		84	83
Arkansas		65		80	78
		69		87	78
Louisiana		87		86	80
South Carolina .		82		81	78
Virginia		75		89	87
United States .		74.6		79.4	80.6
Comparison for s	wh	eat			
United States .		88.6		77.6	76.9

The average condition of the crop when harvested was 83.8, against 69. when harvested in 1908.

The average condition of tobacco on September 1 is stated as 80.2

against 84.3. The condition of tobacco on Sep-

tember in important States was: Kentucky 80; North Carolina 77; Virginia 85; Tennessee 80; South

Carolina 85; Connecticut 84; Florida

PRIZE DRILL AT STATE FAIR.

President Mobiley to Suggest Plan to Militia Officers.

Columbia, Sept. 8 .- President Jno. G. Mobley, of the South Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical Society. has addressed to the commanding officers of all the militia companies in the State a letter requesting their attendance at a meeting to be held in the city council chamber, in Columbia, Sept. 15, to discuss the advisability of having a prize drill at the 1909 State fair.

The Pee Dee Trust Company has

HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHOOTING OF MRS. G. C. DIGHAM SECRETARY HESTER'S COMPLETE MAKES APPROPRIATIONS.

Other Matters of Interest to School Teachers and Others Interested in Educational Affairs in South Caro-

Columbia, Sept. 7 .- The matter of high school applications was discussed at length today at the meeting of the State board of education, held in the office of State Superin-The following members of the board were present at the meeting: W. K. Tate, Charleston; A. R. Banks, Col'mbia; A. J. Thackston, Orangeburg; H. F. Rice, Alken; Nathan Toms, Darlington; D. W. Daniell, of Clemson, and Prof. A. G. Rembert, of Wofford. Gov. Ansel is chairman of the board and State Superintendent of Education Swearingen is secretary.

Seventy-five of the 131 schools received aid as rural high schools. Half the appropriation to each school will be paid in December and half in March. It was a source of regret to every member of the board that several high school applications could not be honored because the \$3,000 limit set by the High School Act had been already reached. Anderson, Laurens and Orangeburg counties all applied for more money than could be appropriated to their high schools. A bulletin will soon be issued by the University treating fully of high school unit text books and courses of study. The date of the next teachers' examination was set for October 1.

Each county superintendent of edneation should take notice of the time and advertise in his local pa-

The appeal from citizens of the Hilda school district in Earnwell county, concerning the removal of the school building from its present site, was dismissed, and the action of the Barnwell County board sustain-

The State board gave notice that a the next teachers' examination in May, 1916, applicants will be required to stand an examination on elementary agriculture.

The secretary reported that the \$20,000 appropriated by the last legislature to lengthen the term of weak rural schools had all been paid out. The board will consider some plan by which this appropriation can be increased and disbursed, if the general assembly will consider the bill next

The reading circle work for 1908the board authorized a new course for 1909-10. All applicants are required to make a general average of 75 per cent, with not less than 60 per R. I., from injuries received in an aucent on any one branch. The books tomobile smash-up August 24. adopted for the coming year are civics and health. Chubbs' teaching caped with only minor scratches and of English, Smith's evolution of

Col. A. R. Banks, representative of the 5th district, offered his resignation.. The chairman accepted this, expressing his regret that the senior member of the board was discontinuing his connection, and paying Col. Banks an eloquent tribute for his able and patriotic service to the schools of the State. The governor announced that J. Lyles Glenn would receive the appointment to fill out train.

the unexpired term of Col. Banks. The only schools in Sumter county to receive High School appropriations were Gen. Sumter Memorial Academy and the Rafting Creek High School.

TO TRY OUT COTTON HARVES-TER.

Machine to be Made at Bennetts-

Bennettsville, Sept. 8 .- Mr. Angus Campbell, representing Mr. Theodore H. Price, of New York, was in Bennettsville today for the purpose of harvester. Mr. Campbell found what latter part of this month, or the first terests. of October, when Mr. Price and associates will come here and the demonstration will be made. Mr. Campbell is the inventor of the machine and Mr. Price and others are interested True, it took twenty-seven years to osition. The inventor is a native of of "Bill" Brown, central Oregon's ec-Canada, though he lived for a num- centric sheep king.

Italy, with 32,000,000, has now the there is an idea in some quarters that at present recorder of Cuyahoga great Powers.

ber of years in Texas.

PROBE GEORGETOWN KILLING.

LEADS TO ARRESTS.

Coroner Swears Out Warrants for W. The Largest Crop Ever Grown But B. Avant, Who Shot Mrs. Bigham, And for the Latter's Husband, Who Was With Avant.

Georgetown, Sept. 8 .- Coroner C. J. Fletcher yesterday swore out a warrant for William B. Avant as menting his report on the cotton crop principal, and for Dr. J. C. Bigham for 1908-'09, as issued on August 31, as accessory for the killing of Mrs. Secretary Hester of the New Orleans tendent of Education Swearingen. G. C. Pigham, wife of the later, at cotton exchange today made a detail-Murrell's Inlet, on Saturday night ed report on the crops of the differlast. The verdict of the coroner's ent States as follows: jury reads as follows: "That the deceased came to her death by a gunshot wound at the hands of W. B. Avant and J. C. Bigham as accessory thereto, both men laboring under great mental excitement and fear | 060. at the time of the deed."

It is the strong opinion of everyone The list of high schools was ap- in this neighborhood that the shootproved and appropriations made. ing was inexcusable in its gross carelessness, and deserves to be investigated to the bottom. It is reported that one of the probable causes of the men shooting at the unknown object was because Sunnyside house was said to be haunted, and they thought it a ghost. The deputy sheriff is expected to arrive with the two men to-

Coroner Fietcher has acted with and only proceeded with the require- year, an increase of 594,479. ments of the law after sad obsequies whenever wanted.

Dr. Bigbam Arrested.

Florence, Sept. 8 .- Dr. G. C. Bigham, of Georgetown county, who was has not reached the lir implicated by the coroner and jury pacities. The m Inlet, was arrested at the home of his round figures \$683,794,060, showing mother, Mrs. M. S. Bigham, at For- that while the number of bales marestville, this afternoon by Deputy keted was 2,243,000 bales more than Sheriff Harrell. Dr. Bigham was brought to Florence and placed in ceived was but \$11,509,000, equivajail upon telegraphic instructions lent to \$5.11 per bale for the excess, iff Burch has notified the sheriff of sidering all circumstances if ever a Georgetown, who will come tomorrow crop was sold at a good round price and take Dr. Bigham back to Georgetown. Dr. Bigham when arrested was completely overcome with grief.

DIVIDED \$16,900,000 IN LIFE.

Of Death.

strange premonition which caused William H. Singer, of the Carnegie and Crucible Steel Companies, to dis-09 was concluded September 1, and tribute most of his \$16,000,000 fortune among his four children several months ago came true today, when he died in his cottage at Watch Hill,

Though the others in the party esbruises, Singer received internal injuries which specialists from New York and Pittsburg were unable to cope with. He was 61 years old and leaves a widow and four children. James McCrea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, his close personal friend, is attending to the funeral arrangements and personally oversaw the body of his old business and personal associate taken from Watch Hill to Pittsburg on a special

It was a year to a day from Singer's premonition of sudden death to the fatal automobile accident. Heeding the mysterious inner warning, he called his four children together at a dinner in New York and put under the plate of each a check for his or her share of the Singer fortune, One of the sons came from Norway to be Demonstration of Cotton Picking present. None of the children knew accomplished.

and steel merchants of Pittsburg. He was not only largely interested in the securing a field of cotton to be used Carnegie Steel Company and the Cruin the demonstration of the cotton cible Steel Company, but was long the head of the firm of Singer, Mihe wanted, and has purchased one mick & Co. He was a prominent hundred acres from Ex-Senator John member of the American Institute of L. McLaurin. The cotton on this Mining Engineers, and had other field will remain unpicked until the large manufacturing and financial in

From a country school teacher at

With all due respect to Colorado, gress already.-New York Telegram.

COTTON GROP STATISTICS.

REPORT IS INTERESTING.

Consumption Kept Pace With Production-Crop Amounted to 13,-Bales—South Carolina 825.000 Produced 1,298,000.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 7 .- Supple-

Alabama 1,428,000, against 1,171 000 last year.

*Arkansas 1,052,000, against 787,000 Florida 75,000, against 60,000. Georgia 2.118,000, against 1,964,

Louisiana 485,000, against 673,000. Mississippi 1,673,000, against 1, 496.000.

Carolina 747,000, against North 689,000.

Carolina 1,298,000, against South

Tennessee 426,000, against 335,800. Texas 3,819,000, against 2,221,000. Oklahoma 740,000 against 950,000. Total crop 13,825,000, against 11,-572,000 last year.

He puts the spindles in the South at 11,255,787, including old, idle and proper consideration in the matter, not complete, against 10,661,308 last

Referring to the consumption by were completed, feeling satisfied that American mills Mr. Hester says that the parties charged could be had North and South they have a season of unparalleled activity. In no past year, he states, have they consumed so much cotton, and phenomenal as the extent of business has been, it in the killing of his wife at Murrell past commercial crap he states, is in last year, the increase in money from the sheriff of Georgetown, Sher- and set Mr. Hester centends that conit was the one under review.

In the South Mr. Hester makes the consumption 366,596 more than last year and 120,765 over the year before last. Twenty-one new mills are building in the Southern States, and William H. Singer Had a Premonition including additions to old establishments, 10,000 new looms and 511,294 new spindles are under way. The in-Hartford, Conn., Sept. 6 .- The crease in the number of mills over last year has been eight, making a total of 841.

> The year's consumption has been divided as follows:

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State.		Consump-	In-
		tion.	crease.
Alabama		251,871	46,261
Arkansas		6,038	2,190
Georgia	,	556,119	74,757
Kentucky		26,290	1,694
Louisiana		17,244	3,321
Mississippi .		308,691	3.529
Missouri		14,826	6,449
N. Carolina .		759,295	130,414
S. Carolina .		700,352	75,806
Tennessee		69,211	9,154
Texas		42,456	8,675
Oklahoma		2,568	954
Virginia		77,912	3,382

Total. . . . 2,559,873 366,596 In conclusion Mr. Hester says the facts concerning this remarkable year in cotton consumption speak for themselves, but it is safe to say that had they been estimates instead of plain unvarnished truths, even extremists would have been justified in classing them as exaggerations.

In the South, he says, "We have brushed 2,600,000 bales closely during the past year and this close on the heels of the panic, with 215 out of a total of 786 active mills from one of the proposed distribution of their to two months late in getting under father's property until it had been headway. Most of the new not complete spindles will be in working or-Singer was one of the pioneer iron der before the coming year's close and with these on the basis of the 1904-05 consumption per spindle, the capacity of the Southern mills will be something like 2,800,000 to 2,900, 000 bales.

TOM JOHNSON NOMINATED.

Democrats of Cleveland Name Him For Mayor for Fifth Time.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 7 .-- Incomplete returns from the municipal primary election held here today make it in promoting and backing the prop- accomplish it, but that is the record practically certain that Tom L. Johnson has for the fifth consecutive time been nominated for mayor by the Democrats. His opponent was Dr. F. W. Watz, an alderman. F. C. Baer, publican nomination.

GOOK AN IMPOSTER.

PEARY SAYS HE NEVER REACH- HANDSOME BUILDING TOTALLY ED POLE.

Dr. Cook Says He Has the Proof That He Discovered the Pole and Declines to Enter Into a Wordy Controversy--Peary Must Make Good Charges Against Cook or be Himself Discredited.

New York, Sept. 8 .- The lie was hurled today concerning the discovparalleled in history.

making uncertain progress southward more on the equipments. off the coast of Labrador in his ship, the Roosevelt, but there came from him today a message as direct as his dollars more liabilities in floating homeward journey has been slow. It debts. Liquidation would leave nothchallenges the veracity of Dr. Fred- ing but the rock foundation and erick A. Cook, of Brooklyn, and fur- grounds. But arrangements are gother complicates a situation which ing right ahead for rebuilding, and the whole world is discussing.

claim with the intimation that he mer plant of the college. The trus-(Peary) and he alone planted the tees have been called to meet next American flag at the North Pole on Tuesday. April 6, 1909, and that Dr. Cook, who asserts that he unfurled the flag at the pole on April 21, 1908, must sub- Duffy, three young men of Charlesstantiate his claim.

rival's statement, tonight stood by his pilot boats. guns, declined to enter into a debate and calmly asserted that his records would sustain him. To prove his right of discovery before the entire world? beyond a shadow of doubt, he announced that he will dispatch a ship to Greenland and bring to America arm the more powerful. his Eskimo companions. Then, with their testimony and his data, he declares that he will -tand ready to face all detractors.

In the meantime Peary continues his homeward journey on the icescarred Roesevelt and is tonight at Battle Harbor, Labrador, more than 400 miles from North Sydney, Cape Creton, the objective point of the homeward cruise, through the strait of Pelle Isle.

Mrs. Cook is in New York tonight and Mrs. Peary has left her home in Maine on her way to join her husband at North Sydney. Though pressed for a statement, Mrs. Cook declined absolutely tonight to say anything concerning her husband,

By those who received word of Dr. Cook's discovery with skepticism. Commander Peary's challenge today was received with gratification; by those who had been neutral it came as another surprise in a series of remarkable happenings, while to Dr. Cook's supporters it was a signal for war. Dr. Cook, if his plan does not miscarry, will sail for the United States on Sunday, next, and will arrive here by September 21. By that time Commander Peary will have reached home, but no one has as yet suggested the possibility of a dramatic meeting of the two face to face.

Peary's statement reflecting on Dr. Cook's achievement came first to the Associated Press early this morning, da' d Indian Harbor, Labrador, the point through which he first reported his success by wireless. It has been delayed in transmission. It is as fol-

"I have nailed the Stars and Stripes to the North Pole. This is authoritative and correct. Cook's story should not be taken too seriously. The two Eskimos who accompanied and not out of sight of land. Other members of the tribe corroborate their story."

About the same time Mrs. Peary received the following message under the same date, both having been sent via Cape Ray, N. F.:

"Good morning. Delayed by gale. Don't let Cook story worry you. Have him nailed.'

To the Associated Press the commander had sent the dispatch, replying to an urgent request for an authoritative statement and some comment concerning Dr. Cook,

While Commander Peary's assertion of today is of a nature that makes Dr. Cook's position one of defense, the Brooklyn explorer yet has supporters both at home and abroad. Many of the continental scientists are marking time pending developments. while those who have formed no decided opinion in this country have assumed a similar stand.

honorary president for life of the Aretic Club of America, of which both Peary and Cook are members. telegraphed to New York today as follows:

"I believe that both Cook and Peary have reached the pole."

promptly came to the support of Dr. that her husband was a faker."

METHODIST COLLEGE-BURNED.

DESTROYED THURSDAY.

The Loss is Estimated at Quarter of a Million Dollars-Insurance Only \$85,000-Plans for Rebuilding Under Way-College Will Reopen in Colonia Hotel.

Columbia, Sept. 9 .- Fire at 2:30 e'clock this morning totally destroyed Columbia College, which was buift ery of the North Pole and the foun- by popular subscription from Methodation laid for a controversy un- dists all over this State. The plant was valued at \$250,000 and was in-Commander Robert E. Peary is sured for only \$75,000, with \$10,000

The property was bonded for \$60,-000 and there is twenty odd thousand ovening for the present session in In effect Peary decries Cook's the Colonia Hotel property, the for-

P. D. and E. E. Cramer and W. P. ton, while out fishing from a launch At Copenhagen, Cook, shown his were wrecked and were rescued by

> Only 164 persons in 1900 have right and left arms of equal strength. In 469 out of 1000 women the right arm is stronger than the left. In men 590 out of 1000 have the right

> Rev. H. H. Hudson, of Gordonville. Va., has been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church in Rock

Cook today. He said:

"The charge (referring to Pear statement of today) may le Cook's standing in popula tion until his defense can be but the scientific world will! ed only by scientific discrepan Cook will undoubtedly have scientific records and observations without Es-

kimo proof. "If Eskimo proof is reeded there are enough admirers of fair play in the world to send impartial interpreters to the tribe."

Analyzing the Eskimo character Dr. Dedrick is inclined to think them unreliable with "a temperaments which would lead him to agree, for suavity's sake and because of immediate benefit with a man on the spot having a ship loaded with what is most dear to an Eskime's heart. This would be especially true," argues Dr. Dedrick, "if their former benefactor had departed homeward, as Cook did, on a sled with no halo of ship prestige."

In conclusion, Dr. Dedrick said. "Suppose Cook next year went up and distributed presents as ships do, and asked if his rival had got out of sight of land and they said 'no.' what matter would it make to the public?

"Other impartial parties may yet be heard from. The whalers which arrive at Dundee this fall may also know what the Eskimos say."

With the Roosevelt at Battle Harbor tonight Commander Peary should reach Red Bay, about 65 miles dewre the coast, easily by tomorrow, where he can put details of his expeditions him say he went no distance north on the wires. The progress of his ship from Indian Harbor southward has been extremely erratic. First delayed at Indian Harbor by rough weather and hampered in addition by lack of fuel, the Roosevelt has literally crawled homeward, and news of her progress has been meagre and at times unreliable. This is due to the inadequate telegraphic facilities on the Labrador coast.

DECLARES PEARY A FAKER.

Capt. B. S. Osborne Says Commander Took Dr. Cook's Observations and Data From Latter's Trunk.

New York, Sept. 8 .- Among the friends of Dr. Cook here who rallied to his defense teday was Capt. B. S. Osborne secretary of the Arctic Club of America, who in an interview

"Peary in making these charges is digging his own grave. He is a colossal faker and his statements are a Prof. William H. Brewer of Yale, fabric of untruths. As soon as hesets foot in New York Mr. Bradley and myself will give out affidavits irs support of our position.

"I - have an affidavit stating that took out his observations and data and that he opened a letter Dr. Cook. Dr. Thomas S. Dedrick of Wash- had written to Mrs. Cook, read it and ington, N. J., who was surgeon of the then sealed it up aagin. Peary also been organized at Florence with a smallest population of any of the there are enough old women in Con- county, leads in the race for the Re- Peary expedition of 1898-1902. Wrote Mrs. Cook telling her bolding